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## Enter *The* Annual Colorado Agriculture Photo Contest

LAKEWOOD, Colo. —Whether it is spring, summer, fall or winter, Colorado agriculture offers breathtaking backdrops for photographers. The 16<sup>th</sup> annual “Colorado...it’s AgriCultural” photography contest is seeking entries as a way to celebrate the state’s agricultural heritage.

“Every year I am excited to see how people capture the spirit of Colorado agriculture in photographs,” said Commissioner of Agriculture John Salazar. “The contest gives us one way to share the diversity of Colorado agriculture with everyone.”

Entries must be submitted to the Colorado Department of Agriculture with an official entry form by December 31, 2013. All photographs must be taken in the 2013 calendar year and must relate to Colorado agriculture in some way. Prizes will be awarded in five subject areas: agritourism, crops, livestock, people and open professional. Amateur and professional photographers are encouraged to enter, however, professionals may only enter agriculture-related photographs in the “open professional” category.

Judging will be based on theme, creativity and technical quality. The photographer whose picture best depicts the “spirit” of Colorado agriculture will receive \$150, and category winners will receive a

“Colorado...it’s AgriCultural” prize pack. All winning photographs will be displayed in the Beede-Hamil Agriculture Building at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colo.

Visit [www.coloradoagriculture.com/aginsights](http://www.coloradoagriculture.com/aginsights) or call (303) 239-4119 for complete contest rules and an entry form. The contest is sponsored by the Colorado Department of Agriculture, the AgInsights Committee and Northeastern Junior College.

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*Note: Winning photos from 2012 are available in .jpg format by contacting [wendy.white@state.co.us](mailto:wendy.white@state.co.us).*